

Planning & Development Field Trip – March 14, 2015

Site Visit Feedback (as per PDC meeting on March 17th)

Trout Lake - Vancouver

- Underwhelmed by individual spaces – too small
- Visually magnificent & rooms very nice but small – pottery studio smaller than previous one
- Design problems with rink reception area (one good thing about it is that it is good for “controlled entry” events)
- Staff gave up their staff room due to shortage of program space
- Fitness space, community kitchen small
- Entrance is drafty & cold, should have had double doors
- Lots of fantastic glass and wonderful views but difficult to clean, glare was an issue that was resolved with the installation of blinds
- Open windows to outside...very nice though
- Suggestion: ensure ownership issues are determined ahead of time i.e. ensure community space is not restricted to just one group (daycare space here is now “only” for daycare usage)

Queensborough – New Westminster

- Developing area
- Renewal built around old structures, clever design
- “all ages & all abilities” – building philosophy
- 2 childcare spaces, 1 rental, 1 community centre’s; they are also available for rental
- Clean and well maintained
- Nice community living space, welcoming & warm
- Movable walls for larger events
- Hired a “spacial” design architect
- Set up ground rules & relationships in the beginning of the process
- No pool due to site being on reclaimed land (no digging)
- A lot of repurposing of old materials
- Large open rental space, sliding doors opening to outside, playground
- Theme: “Life on the River” woven throughout the whole site, keeping it historical
- 2nd floor – large fitness centre
- Not a lot of amenities nearby, industrial area, new housing, all shopping needs travel time
- Great double-door entrance
- Kitchens: go with commercial kitchens, not residential
- Storage: figure out storage needs ahead of time, every program/user needs storage
- No separate space for seniors – all spaces available for all ages
- Beautiful murals on all movable panels...functional art

Edmonds – Vancouver

- Dedicated senior & teen space – a bit isolated
- Seniors not happy with space (too small), they also use other parts of cc
- Very dense, busiest centre of all the visits
- Double doors but too narrow
- Door-free access to washrooms but hand dryers so loud they are disruptive to other programs in building
- Theme: " Burn Creek"
- Used pine beetle wood in construction
- Very busy, crowded pool, just a bit smaller in size than Hillcrest
- Change-rooms: Universal, then Men & Women; suggestion to reverse the order so Universal is last change room to enter (to keep it more accessible)
- WIFI
- Large gym with divider curtains (noise was an issue)
- Air flow to gym – built with grates but resulted in player injuries (basketball) so grates were sanded down to help minimize injuries
- Suggestions: be aware of hose connections for regular cleaning of change-rooms, large washer & dryer, ensure all levels of staff & users consulted in planning, huge storage spaces for purpose of room flexibility (making spaces multi-purpose)

Killarney – Vancouver

- Last visit of day, participants tired
- Least favourite site
- Very noisy pool, noise seemed to bounce all around facility
- Rink & pool have been refurbished, separate check-ins = 2 sets of staff
- Information kiosk
- Snack bar – overwhelming smell of grease/oil/fries
- Rink is closed annually April – August
- Feels old-fashioned (and not in a good way)
- No real "feel" or identity
- Ozone Pool – still a heavy chlorine smell